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time. And is the greatest mimic that ever lived the people to be being
a little Black Republican - I mean "Hooah for Jackson" and "Sit
down" his Garoppa letter
him to call out De Smith
dined with us one day & you as
well would be heard the De says
of what does the little fellow say.
I am replied "Dear Mitch. When
Mitch" I never felt so mortified
- is in my life. He had given
him some medicine he would
kill him mean. I may pub-
lished his wife saying
I will then send you
one. It is too sweet - innocent
to talk about. But she is almost
dead. Tell every body how you
will forgive soon. To the
freedom. I was even Em

with one of my immitable epistles
to night. - and I ought to write to
every member of father household
also to Aunt Eliza. But your letter
I think the most aged consequently
deserves my earliest attention.
I really believe Lucy's presence
operates upon my senses like a
dose of Morphine. for the spirit
Laziness has seized me since
her arrival here. I have not written
letter. She is beginning however
rebel against being my amanu-
sis. I expect you had enjoy me
sometimes don't you. because she is

here? I think it was a very wise thing in her to come to Miss. as she was not needed particularly in the Institute just now. it is a good opportunity for her to rest: and Mr Cobb will send for her when she is needed.

I think she looks quite as well as when she was at home last summer. and complains very little. it is only rest that she needs. She was sick a few days after reaching here. but is very cheerful now. If I can keep her from having any of her nervous fits. I think she will get along. She has been teaching too steadily. I can speak from experience & doubtless you can that when teaching becomes an effort: when you are disgusted with it: then is the time to rest. so you need not ~~feel~~ worried about her. as she has a room next mine & I shall see that she does not work, read, or sleep too much. She is progressing finely on the Piano. so that she will perform very well

By the time Miss Eaton leaves if she continues to improve as much.

I think the north are all Rip. Van Winkles or I can not yet get the latest news for ^{you} they do not realize yet, do you that we have succeeded. That is we have gone to seed. and speaking of that reminds me that I want you to send me a few of the Hubbard Squash seed. There were 20 lbs last year that they could not survive the drought. We are now making our garden and have sown the earliest seeds.

I have been reading "Miss Gilbert's Career" and was hugely interested it is a well written novel.

Many thanks for your editorial and would like such often. Miss Eaton receives the papers occasionally. but sometimes they are a long time in reaching here. I would subscribe for the Republican if the Gen would allow me. as I am so anxious to hear

Both sides of this great agitation.

We already are in a foreign land
and whether Uncle Sam will bring
us the R. P. Mail, I do not know. so
I must answer my letters to every
body to use up my stamps. I suppose
they will not be needed long.

The Southern Congress is now in session
in Montgomery. Howell & Sam Cobb. are
both there. I will leave Lucy to give
you an account of her visit to Washington
as I have forgotten to tell you about
my babies. do you imagine that I am
insane from the rambling manner I have
written this. well I have been riding in
a wagon to day over a rail road. and
our horses were two mules. do you
may imagine I had a good shaking
up. and do not feel overly bright.

I do not believe I will commence
enumerating the smart doings of my
babies for Tongue nor pen can do them
justice. Sam Cobb is the wit of the family.
he can sing every thing that he has heard there.